
Human Services Committee

HB 1682

Brief Description: Increasing the length of confinement for a parole violation committed by certain juvenile sex offenders.

Sponsors: Representatives Dickerson, O'Brien, Roberts, Ormsby and Green; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a sex offender who has violated the terms of his or her parole to be sent to a Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration facility for up to 24 weeks.

Hearing Date: 2/6/07

Staff: Sonja Hallum (786-7092).

Background:

If a juvenile is committed to a sentence at a Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA) facility, he or she may be under parole supervision upon release from the facility.

There are three types of parole in Washington: Intensive, Enhanced, and Sex Offender Parole. Juveniles who have the highest risk of re-offending receive a mandatory six months of supervision through Intensive Parole. Enhanced Parole is for youth who are not eligible for intensive parole. They receive 20 weeks of supervision. Juveniles who commit specific sex offenses receive a mandatory 24 to 36 months of Sex Offender Parole.

If a juvenile violates his or her conditions of parole, the Department of Social and Health Services (Department) may request sanctions including intensified supervision, additional conditions of supervision, up to 30 days confinement in the local detention facility, or request the juvenile to be returned to a JRA facility to complete the remainder of his or her sentence if the sentence included the basic training camp or was one of the following sex offenses:

- rape in the first or second degree;
- rape of a child in the first or second degree;

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- child molestation in the first degree;
- indecent liberties with forcible compulsion; or
- a sex offense that is also a serious violent offense.

Summary of Bill:

Sex offenders who violate the terms of their parole may be confined in a JRA facility for up to 24 weeks.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.